White Paper on public undertakings

173. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:
SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Parliamentary committee on Public Undertakings in a recent report urged the Government to bring out a White Paper on Public Undertakings indicating their objectives and strategies; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The Committee on Public Undertakings (Eighth Lok Sabha) in their 32nd Report has expressed the hope that the proposed White Paper on Public Sector would be brought out as early as possible and placed before Parliament. The White Paper is under preparation.

Recovery of NTPC dues

174. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are different norms for recovering the dues owed to the National Thermal Power Corporation from State Electricity Boards; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) follow a uniform policy for recovery of its dues from State Electricity Boards.

(b) Does not arise.

Oil and Natural Gas struck at Bhuvanagiri-II well

175. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the O.N.G.C. has struck oil and gas at Bhuvanagiri-II well in the Cauvery basin, 10 Km., north-west of Chidambaram town in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how rich this strike is expected to be; what are its implications in terms of overall performance in the Cauvery basin?

THE MINSITER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir. The well Bhuvanagiri-II on initial testing, produced oil @206 barrels/day and gas 52000 m3/day through 12/64' Choke.

(b) It is too early to assess the implications of this discovery on the overall performance in Cauvery Basin as exact hydrocarbon potential of this discovery will be known only after further exploration.

Production of Crude Oil

176. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crude oil production has exceeded its target; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the likely saving in terms of money on the import of crude oil during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM

AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir. Details are as under:—

(M.T.)

Year	Target	Actual Production
1985-86	30.14	30.17
1986-87	30.21	30.50
1987-88 (April-September, 1987)	14.86	15.18

(b) It is not possible at this stage to determine the extent of saving, on imports during the current year. However, during the first six months the savings were of the order of about Rs. 54.0 crores.

Petrol-cum-service stations in the country

177. SHRI RAM AWADHES SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Petrol-cum-Service Stations are there in the country, district-wise|State-wise;

(b) how many of these are owned by Public Sector Corporations and their number, state-wise; and

(c) whether these are popular and if so, reasons for not having a phased programme for having more of these and if possible in the joint sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DATT): (a) The State-wise particulars of petrol-cum-service stations are furnished in the Statement. (*See* below) The effort involved in compilation of district-wise details for the entire country would not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be served;

(b) A total number of 10 retail out*let-cum-service stations are owned* and operated by the oil companies in the following States and Union Teritorry:—

Maharashtra	.. 5
West Bengal	.. 1
Tamil Nadu	.. 2
Delhi (U.T.)	.. 2

(c) These are essentially used by the oil companies for inhouse training and demonstration purposes, besides providing service to consumers in their areas of operation. The need for increasing their number is not felt at present. Hence the question of providing any in the joint sector does not arise.

Statement

S. No.	Name of State	No. of Petrol-cum-Service Station
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	126
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	..
3.	Assam	36
4.	Bihar	212